

**August 29, 2008**

**New Advisory Opinion**

On August 28, 2008, the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board met and decided on one new advisory opinion, summarized below. Click on the AO number to read the full text of the opinion.

**2008-7, Interpretation of "Communicator Lobbyist" for Purposes of Election Statute**

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board concluded that a communicator lobbyist who terminates his or her registration during a calendar year is no longer a registrant, but remains a communicator lobbyist for the remainder of that year.

**Ethics Matters – Conference 2008**

Registration for the September 26 conference is filling up fast! Be sure to take a look at the full event [agenda](#) and register online today.

Many liaisons have asked if they *must* attend the Cascade Training for Ethics Liaisons breakout session. The short answer is no. No session is mandatory. Our goal is to provide all attendees with intriguing options. The session for liaisons will be an "Ethics Code 101" overview as well as a hands-on tutorial on what resources are available to state employees and how liaisons can best pass along those resources and other pertinent information. The Enforcement Overview will be a case study-driven session that will illustrate the enforcement process from start to finish. The Legal Roundup is geared for those who are more familiar with the ethics code; the General Counsel and her staff will provide summaries of new opinions and address more complex issues that often arise. There will also be ample opportunity for your specific legal questions to be addressed. Note that the media session is specifically targeted to editors and reporters. In general, we recommend that you opt for the session of most interest to you personally and that you feel will most benefit your agency.

**New Training DVD**

As promised, we continue to offer you up-to-date tools to assist with your internal agency ethics training needs. We have developed a new DVD training on Part I of the Code of Ethics for State Employees, which includes the changes to the law made in June's special legislative session. This DVD is now available free of charge upon request.

Best regards,

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